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1. (Currently Amended) An elongated carrier having a cavity for receiving an elongated bumper member, the elongated carrier comprising:

one or more walls;

a slot extending into the cavity defined by two terminating ends of the one or more walls;

and

a nub extending into the cavity from at least one of the one or more walls, the nub being separate from the two terminating ends

~~having inner surfaces, wherein at least one of the inner surfaces has an inwardly extending nub.~~

2. (Currently Amended) An elongated carrier according to claim 1 wherein the nub provides an increased thickness in the at least one of the one or more walls relative to the thickness of the at least one of the one or more walls adjacent the nub.

3. (Currently Amended) An elongated carrier according to claim 1 wherein the at least one of the one or more walls does not have an increased thickness at the nub relative to the thickness of the at least one of the one or more walls adjacent the nub.

4. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 1 wherein the elongated

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bumper member is received by the slot, and wherein the elongated bumper member has an outer surface that is shaped to accept the nub.

5. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 4 wherein the outer surface of the elongated bumper member extends inwardly to receive the nub.

6. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 1 wherein the slot and the elongated bumper member are adapted so that the elongated bumper member and/or the elongated carrier must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent for the elongated member to slip into the slot.

7. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 1 wherein the elongated bumper member includes a cavity for receiving an elongated light source, and at least part of the cavity is defined by an at least semi-transparent material that extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated bumper member.

8. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 1 wherein the elongated light source is an Electro-Luminescent wire.

9. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 1 wherein the elongated

light source is a Linear Emitting Fiber.

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10. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 1 wherein the elongated light source includes a string of light sources.

11. (Currently Amended) An elongated rub-rail ~~for use with a boat~~, comprising:  
an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having one or more walls, wherein the one or more walls include one or more inner surfaces that define at least part of a cavity;  
a slot extending into the cavity defined by at least two terminating ends of the one or more walls, wherein each of the two terminating ends is defined by a terminating end surface separate from the one or more inner surface of the one or more walls ~~with inner surfaces~~, wherein at least one of the inner surfaces of the one or more walls has at least one ~~an~~ inwardly extending nub; and  
an elongated bumper member, at least part of the elongated bumper member positioned in the slot and having an outer surface that is shaped to accept the at least one nub of the elongated carrier.

12. (Original) An elongated rub-rail according to claim 11, wherein the inner surfaces of the elongated carrier define two or more inwardly extending nubs.

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13. (Original) An elongated rub-rail according to claim 12 wherein the elongated bumper member has an outer surface that is shaped to accept the two or more nubs of the elongated carrier.

14. (Currently Amended) An elongated carrier having a cavity for receiving an elongated bumper member, the elongated carrier comprising:

a back member having a first end and a second end;

a first support leg extending outward from at or near the first end of the back member, the first support leg having a thickness and an inner surface;

a second support leg extending outward from at or near the second end of the back member, the second support leg having a thickness and an inner surface, the inner surface of the first support leg, the inner surface of the second support leg and the back member defining at least part of the cavity;

a ~~distal~~ terminating end of the second support leg defined by a terminating end surface separate from the inner surface of the second support leg, and a ~~distal~~ terminating end of the first support leg defined by a terminating end surface separate from the inner surface of the first support leg, the terminating end surface of the second support leg and the terminating end surface of the first support leg being spaced from one another to form a slot therebetween; and

the inner surface of the first support leg having an inwardly extending nub ~~at or near the distal end of the first support leg, the nub extending towards the second support leg.~~

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15. (Currently Amended) An elongated carrier according to claim 14 wherein the inner surface of the second support leg also has an inwardly extending nub ~~at or near the distal end of the second support leg that extends toward the first support leg.~~

16. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 14 wherein the first support leg has an increased thickness at the nub relative to the thickness of the first support leg adjacent the nub.

17. (Currently Amended) An elongated carrier according to claim 14 wherein the back member has a nub that extends into the slot cavity defined ~~formed~~ by the first support leg and the second support leg.

18. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 14 wherein the second support leg has an increased thickness to form the nub relative to the thickness of the second support leg adjacent the nub.

19. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 14 wherein the slot is adapted to receive the elongated bumper member, and wherein the elongated bumper member has an outer surface that is shaped to accept the nub of the first support leg.

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20. (Original) An elongated carrier according to claim 15 wherein the slot is adapted to receive the elongated bumper member, and wherein the elongated bumper member has an outer surface that is shaped to accept the nub of the first support leg and the nub of the second support leg.
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